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Food and Drug Administration
Dockets Management Branch
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20785

RE: Docket #98P-0151/CP1

Please support the petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. Since downed animals do not comprise the large percentage of animals slaughtered, eliminating their marketing will not cause economic hardship to farming businesses. Also, industry experts have estimated that 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide incentive to the industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

The cruel practice of moving downed animals with tractors or chains would not be necessary if the animals were required to be humanely euthanized. My family and I urge you to act favorably on this petition. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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